

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

This morning finds me at the home of brother Owen Switzer, Warsaw, Ind. Since my last report, I have visited the churches at Campbell and Almena, Mich., Nappanee, Gravelton, Mt. Union, and Milford, Ind. At Mt. Union I succeeded in organizing an S. S. C. E., of nine members. This is a small membership, but there are others there, we think, will soon fall into line. The condition of these societies is quite encouraging. Too much cannot be said in praise of the S. S. C. E. of Nappanee. Their sisters are not more active than those of the other places, but there they have no church house, no Sunday services, and must depend upon other denominations for a house to worship in, and yet there the sisters have been actively working, and that society never fails to send its due proportion to the general treasury. Surely, He who says, "Give and it shall be given unto you," will remember their liberality and unselfishness. O, that some of our other churches, so much stronger, so much more favorably circumstanced than they, had more of the same spirit of sweet unselfishness. O, for more of the spirit of Christ in our hearts! O, for more of the pitying love of Christ within us,—then our interests would not all center around our own little congregational altar,—then our desire for the salvation of souls would not reach out only to our friends and neighbors, but to *all the world*,—then we should be willing to *give* for the advancement of Christ's cause beyond the limits of our own home church, even though we must use the old carpet and chairs a little longer, or wait a little longer for some other needed improvement at home.

At Milford, the S. S. C. E. is very active. I had the pleasure of attending one of their "Teas" on Thursday afternoon. One of the sisters prepared tea, coffee, cake, and bananas, and invited all who would, to come and partake of them. Each person paying five cents. These Teas are held every two weeks, and quite a nice little sum is gathered in this way. Those who attend enjoy a little social season together, learn to know each other better, and return to their homes and duties feeling that another ray of sunlight has shone into their lives.

The society here at Warsaw has also been doing very active service. They have been especially active in helping the poor. During the last year they have distributed nearly two hundred garments among the poor, many of which they

made up themselves. Many of the other societies might learn a lesson from this in beautiful Christian service and charity to the poor. "The poor ye have with you always, and when ye will, ye may do them good." Everywhere we find the poor, and an opportunity of ministering to Christ by ministering to them. "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." O, that as Christian Endeavorers we might always be watching for opportunities of making our lives beautiful by active service for Christ and humanity.

It is very gratifying to find so many of our societies doing so well, and some of them enjoying the work so much. How I wish we might have an active society in every church. Could those churches that have no societies realize how much it adds to the life of the church to have an active S. S. C. E., would they be satisfied to continue without a society? Surely not, if they are really interested in the welfare of their church.

May God help us all to do our duty.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

PROGRAM FOR S. S. C. E. FOR MAY.

Song—Sentence prayers by ten persons.

Responsive Reading—Psalm 103.

Song—Prayer—Song.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

Roll Call—Scripture response from Book of Psalms.

Song or Anthem.

Lesson for the evening—Scriptural Contrasts:

1. The righteous man's life contrasted with that of the ungodly. Psalms 1: 3, 4, 5; Psalms 92: 12, 13, 9; Isaiah 3: 10, 11; Eccl. 8: 12, 13; Psalms 11: 5, 6; Prov. 10: 30.

2. The righteous man's hope contrasted with that of the wicked. Prov. 10: 28; Job 8: 13, 14; Job 11: 20.

3. Contrast between the way of life and destruction. Matt. 7: 13, 14.

Song and Recitation.

4. Contrast in death. Prov. 14: 32.

5. Contrast in the resurrection. Daniel 12: 2, 3; John 5: 25-30.

6. Contrast in the judgment. Matt. 25: 31-46.

Song—Offering—Lord's Prayer.

Do not be content merely to read the scripture references, but study the subject assigned to you, and prepare a paper upon it or be prepared to talk upon it. *Endeavor* to make the meeting interesting, instructive, helpful, and strengthening to yourself and others.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

FROM MT. OLIVE, VA.

Our S. S. C. E. met in regular session, April 5, 1896, to elect officers for the second year we held our regular meetings until bad weather set in. We live in the country and as much as two or three miles from church. We also had a great deal of sickness in our neighborhood, and our congregation not being in very good working condition, made it somewhat an up hill pull, but we hope for better things in the future, as the outlook is more cheering. We also organized our Sunday-school again, with brother J. H. Petry as superintendent, who will push the work. So with the help of our blessed Lord and the prayers of God's people, and our own efforts we hope and will try to do better this year. By so doing we may be the means of bringing some poor soul to Christ. At our last meeting we elected the following officers: Mollie E. Kisling, president; sister Sallie Murry, vice president; sister Mamie Getty, secretary; sister Elizabeth Begoon, treasurer.

Our program consists of essays, recitations, declamations and music. We have decided to meet every two weeks in the future to do such work as we may think best to promote the cause and the collection of a few dimes. We had a grand revival at our church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Leslie, a Lutheran preacher, who preached for ten days and nights with great power and earnestness. He made cold hearted Christians shake and sinners quake. Forty conversions in the ten days. Rev. Mr. Shey, a Methodist minister conducted the song service, which was the best I ever heard and neither asked any compensation more than expenses which we gladly gave and more. The weather being very bad during this meeting, yet large crowds flocked to hear this great evangelist. The song service did as much towards converting sinners as the preaching. Oh, if we could have more such that would volunteer their time to the service of the Lord regardless of denominational name or creed, there would be less souls die with no hope of eternal life.

Good Mills, Va.

SOME men never learn the difference between education and conceit.

Matrimonial.

RUMBAUGH—ESHelman.—At his residence in Homer, by the writer, April 16, 1896, Mr. Adam Rumbaugh and Miss Alberta Eshelman.

H. S. JACOBS.